

REMARKS

Claims 12 and 13 are requested to be cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer. These dependent claims related the state of Langerhans cell (LC) differentiation, *i.e.*, immature and mature, respectively.

A consideration in this regard figured in Examiner Saucier's species-election requirement, which identified "[d]ifferentiation states of Langerhans cells" as separate species. On reflection, however, applicants would emphasize the perspective, which is pervasive in the relevant art, (see appended Exhibit A), that LCs are themselves immature dendritic cells (DCs). Thus, while it is common usage to reference "immature" versus "mature" dendritic cells that are LC-type DCs, the notion of "maturity" is not so readily applied to LCs, as such.

Accordingly, applicants have cancelled claims 12 and 13, and they traverse the present election only to the extent that the examiner has identified the "differentiation states" species. Withdrawal of that aspect is respectfully requested, in light of the foregoing explanation.

Examiner Saucier also is invited to contact the undersigned directly, should she feel that any issue warrants further consideration. Otherwise, applicants request an early indication of allowable subject matter in this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, which may be required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16-1.17, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment accompany this response, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to the same account. If any extension is needed for timely acceptance of submitted papers, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 CFR §1.136 and authorize payment of the relevant fee(s) from the deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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